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SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING: CIVIL AVIATION QUESTION

IN SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH DUTCH FONMIN

VAN DER STOEL

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1. DURING CHANCE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT WESTERTERP LAST NIGHT HE TOLD ME THAT DUTCH HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT UNILATERAL CAB ACTION SINCE THEY HAD ENVISAGED A THIRD NEGOTIATING SESSION. HE SAID THAT FACED WITH CAB DEMANDS FOR SCHEDULE FILING THEY HAD HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CHALLENGE CAB JURISDICTION IN THE COURTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

2. WHEN I FOLLOWED UP ON DCM'S REPORTED SUGGESTIONS THAT DUTCH SWEETEN THEIR OFFER, WESTERTERP REPLIED OBLIQUELY THAT DUTCH WOULD INDEED WELCOME FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS. NOTING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD CONTACTS BETWEEN SAS AND AMERICAN CARRIERS WERE IN PROGRESS HE WONDERED WHETHER DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN KLM AND PANAM MIGHT NOT NOW BE IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH NATIONS.

3. FROM THIS EXPRESSION OF WESTERTERP'S PLUS PREVIOUSLY
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REPORTED INTEREST OF KLM HEAD ORLANDINI IN TALKING WITH

PANAM, IT APPEARS THAT THE DUTCH WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTION
THAT MATTER BE TEMPORARILY REFERRED TO THE CARRIERS FOR
DIRECT EXPLORATION OF COMPROMISE SOLUTION.
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